(Presumeably the hon'ble Member has in view the Court's Judgement in Writ Petition No. 4676 of 1978) the Delhi Administration has informed that it has been implemented by revising the pay-scales of Drivers of Delh iPolice w.e.f. 1-1-1973.

Import of Edible Oil by STC

*329. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation is not importing edible oil/vegetable oil on f.o.b. (free on board) basis despite Government's policy to import the same of f.o.b;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIVSHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reasons for STC impirting edible oil not f o.b. basis but on cost, insurance and freight (c.i.f.) basis are as follows:

(i) There are, presently, very few suitable vessels available with Indian Shipping Companies for transporting edible oil, if contracted on f.o.b. basis.

(ii) Economic considerations do not support import of edible oil on f.o.b. basis.

Efforts are being made to utilise available Indian vessels for exports of edible oil and STC has recently been asked to incorporate a clause in its contract for import of edible oil from Malaysia giving Transchart, a wing of Department of Surface Transport who nominate ships for imports by Indian Public Sector Undertakings, the right of first refusal for utilisation of Indian flag or Indian Consortium vessels for such imports from Malaysia.

Under-cutting of serivce charges by the Nationalised Banks

*331. Dr. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has issued notice to the nationalised banks to show cause for undercutting service charges for attracting deposits;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the banks which have violated the directive of the Reserve Bank; and

(d) what has been its effect on the profitability of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India has not issued show cause notice to any of the nationalised banks for undercutting service charges for attracting deposits as no directives prescribing such charges have been issued by it. Recovery of charges is to be effect by the branches according to the schedule of charges adopted by their banks. By and large, the banks in the public sector follow a similar schedule of service charges in major areas. Reserve Bank of India take up with the concerned banks instances of deviations whenever these come to their notice, so that unhealthy inter-bank competition is avoided.